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Chapter 511

After Fabian was brought back to the courtroom, Toby stood before him and asked, "Mr. Locke, the ledgers I was provided suggest that you were bankrupted under my client's manipulation by December 2020. Why would you only come forward to testify against my client after so long?"

Fabian scowled right then, as if there was something stopping him from talking.

"May I remind you that you are in a courtroom, Mr. Locke?" Toby said sternly. "You are under oath to tell the truth."

Fabian inhaled, as if preparing to spill everything right then.

"I had no choice-John Levine threatened me with my son's future just after he passed the exams and earned a place in a prestigious university in Astonia!" Fabian sounded more frustrated the more he spoke. "He's my only son, and he's always been the pride of our family. John told me that if

I sued, my son won't be able to graduate. He even gloated that I'm never getting back my money, and that I should just learn to cope with my loss!"

"Then why did you come forward?" Toby asked.

nothing to do with

being swindled like that and not being able

anyone doesn't sit well with me! That's why

to testify against him, I decided to

our money while stopping us from

people are afraid to speak up because he

any evidence to prove John

phone. "You

on WhatsApp."

phone and played the voice recording, and everything was just

although there

but the voice of the person speaking to Mr. Locke

client—it indicates the usage

would change his voice! He's careful enough to not

Fabian huffed indignantly.

Fabian was sharp enough to notice that, he did not suspect that the voice

culprit was smart enough

did not argue with Fabian either and provided his

that can restore the original voice," he

voice recording.

voice was identical to the voice of the man

courtroom restless.

official certification to prove the

said as he submitted the certification. "We

legal hacking technology to access Wade

logs of the dummy account registered under my

evidence."

of the hacking process, and it clearly showed

John's name had a fabricated IP that would trick

Chapter 512

Toby played two videos.

The first showed a conversation between Jessica and Noel.

"Tonight's target is this man," Jessica was saying. "Here's a dossier on his preferences, so study it and satisfy him."

She appeared indifferent as she handed Noel a document sheet, as if it was only natural.

Noel took it reluctantly, and her face fell after she read the contents.

"Don't worry," Jessica assured her just then. "My people will be watching.

They won't let you really be hurt-just play along until then."

"Your people are watching?" Noel exclaimed, clearly finding that

I get a

Jessica did not want to waste her breath with Noel-when

forget who made you

You are in no position to

but to accept the

second video, which showed a conversation between

and James.

video you wanted," Jessica told

never make mistakes, don't you?" James praised her

commenting with contempt as he watched the

be enough to keep him in

women like her are the easiest to control," Jessica said with

people for your business

man without vices."

said nothing to that, and the video ended with

Chapter 513

Here came the real bombshell!

Everyone in the courtroom held their breaths as Toby played the third video, which showed James alone making a phone call.

"I heard through the grapevine that the authorities received an anonymous tip on John Levine's market manipulation and money laundering. I don't know who it was, but I'm sure they'll reach you soon enough, so listen clearly to what I'm about to say and relay it to Hunter as well."

"You and Hunter are both to plead guilty right away and accuse John Levine of being the mastermind. The evidence we have would incriminate him, and he'd never weasel I'll also pull some strings with the court.

to, and do not expose yourself

worry—your prison sentences would be ten years

also be rewarded handsomely, not to mention

care of your families," James added, though the last part was

obvious threat.

must remind you that you must never mention

family. Plead the fifth if there are questions you're not sure

settles, your rewards

high-definition video was certainly solid evidence, as

James was calling Wade's number on his phone

no name either-just the

the strongest evidence the defense had, and Tobias did not

immediately after

including another hacking

of that conversation, proving that

Chapter 514

John's voice was a little quiet, but he showed no weakness as he stood upright.

Sean's gaze was in turn sharp. "I would like to question you regarding your involvement in this case. From any instance between 2018 to 2021, did you already notice Wade Jonas and Hunter Stevenson conspiring against you? Did you know and allowed it to happen without any response? You had close ties with the Stuarts, after

all."

Cordy became tense at that.

Sean was clearly leading John on to a trap, and John would be charged with misprision if he admitted to it!

That line of questioning was simply inappropriate, but Toby did not raise an objection against Sean's leading.

He simply stood at his corner, appearing calm.

In reality, Toby simply trusted John-even if everyone else was worried that Sean would lure John into incriminating himself, Toby knew John would not fall for it.

Moreover, John was able to provide him with so much concrete evidence and at a thought impossible in his twenty years working certainly sharp enough that no one would be able to

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eyes.
said, before slowly sensing. "To be
month before
they were slowing down at the time, since there were fewer people
the same tricks by
you returned to the country earlier this year. Why did
report this crime? Were you refraining from reporting it because
was once again
at the time that the Stuarts were connected,
crimes since I would not benefit from it. In fact, I
and reputation were on the
that they were not this
line even after swindling them.
that would be that they have powerful
Sean nodded, acknowledging the logic and not accusing John of trying to
responsibility.
a clandestine investigation to avoid attention. I'm
comes to people in power, they would
and evidence against them once they are alerted of
the truth would be
discreet so that I would
appropriate decision." Sean nodded, giving his
yet again.
such, I started monitoring Wade and
victims, and I found the money trail,
I was as skeptical as anyone, because I had a close relationship with themaside from my
Chapter 515
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Sean nodded in acknowledgment again. "Doing whatever you could in that situation

was indeed your best option.'

John nodded.

"Fortunately, just keeping an eye on Jessica and James alone was enough to cover the truth," he said, and started to connect the dots. "The first recording of Wade Jonas and James my lawyer had shown was actually obtained by having a hacker accessing Wade's phone, after which I singled out James as my target. There, I found the fake IP and dummy account he had under my name, and extracted the list of victims, after which I found the money trail through their bank account notifications on their phone and found the money. Lastly, I used my connection to the Stuarts to find the video evidence I needed."

After that, he admitted, "When all of that was done, I anonymously reported the crime."

The courtroom was once again left in an uproar once he said that.

be a first case of its kind, and would definitely make the

it

banged his gavel,

Sean in turn asked John again, "You

"Once I had gathered all the evidence needed, I

prosecutor's office."

you report the crime on yourself?' Sean

this has anything

them lower their

that there would be

that was presented earlier instead of showing it in

the only way for me to protect

the true

At those words, the whole courtroom applauded John to no

wit.

influence the Stuarts command,

crimes. Not only would John fail to achieve anything if he submitted

before his trial, but they might

for John to

wisdom

the defendant has done achieved

his private investigation had also violated

under the laws of

once again causing the

toward him, he

installing illegal security equipment... you would have to face the law's judgment for those violations."

Chapter 516

There was a threatening edge in Toby's words, but the prosecution did not object.

And with that, Toby asked Wade and Hunter solemnly, "Have you been involved in impersonating my client while carrying out illegal activities including market

manipulation and aiding criminal organizations in laundering money?"

"Yes," both men admitted.

"Was everything that you have done exactly as our evidence has proven?"

"Yes."

"Was James Stuart your co-conspirator and the mastermind behind all your actions?"

"Yes."

Neither would dare to hide anything now.

"Thank you,' Tobias said and turned toward Judge Rackham. "With the evidence that my side has provided and the confession of the suspects, I maintain that my client is placed against him on this trial and

I have nothing more

"Thank you. Please return to your table, defense

to his seat, Judge Rackham announced, "The court

rest of my panel and myself

verdict."

Rackham and his panel

courtroom erupted raucously.

the same time, Cordy's

if John had violated the law in the midst of his

and the sentences would

as

anything worse.

crime...

it's quite the exciting show he put up for us... I mean, I know my

good! I really have to reevaluate my

and he was not stingy with his praise at

uncovering of

is good," Bob agreed, while

me all the time if I had

case," Sam joked. "Would

plaguing him if not for his ability? That's why

good if you're too outstandingpeople like us who

Chapter 517

Cordy blushed even harder, but that was not what she meant!

She was just worried about John's health. He looked so frail a gust could knock him off his feet, and he was definitely in no shape to drink!

Fortunately, Sam did not keep harassing Cordy and changed the subject." That said,

Johnny still gave up Levine Ventures just to take down the Stuarts... Don't you think

it's a little too costly? It took several generations for Levines to establish its success,

but Johnny is abandoning it just like that? Doesn't he regret it?"

"His grandfather would probably be hurting." Bob sighed.

Cordy sat beside them in silence, since all of that more or less has something to do with her.

Quinn was sharp enough to pick up on Cordy's feelings and turned towards Sam and

Bob, snapping, "That's enough. We're still in a courtroom-keep it down."

Sam shot her a look in turn and growled in displeasure, "The court is in

not in charge here. Why do you care if

you show some tact?" Quinn shot back, barely

am I tactless? Was I being loud?

righteous indignation, rude

been.

not know would think that they

in turn, whereas Bob tugged

right-just be quiet.

rose to his feet and started to leave right

you going? The trial isn't over yet," Bob asked, watching

"For a smoke," Sam snapped. "Or I'm going to smoke

off, none of those remained spoke,

Bob, "Aren't they married? Sam and

was basically whispering softly into Bob's

explaining, "They're not friendly, to say the least.

take Sam's attitude toward

trying to make his presence known,

quickly added, "As

so don't expose

Cora

chummy and

she remembered Zoe was the one who asked Bob for a

Chapter 518

It was an earnest blessing and the satisfaction of getting a cathartic outcome.

Cordy heaved a heavy sigh of relief.

It turned out that she was not actually as indifferent toward John as she had thoughtshe was already deeply in love with him, and she was just trying to avoid confronting

her feelings.

But now, she would not push him away again, ever.

"The trial is here concluded!"

With that, the judges left before everyone else filed out of the courtroom.

Cordy and the others stepped out from another exit.

There were many journalists outside, but they were kept outside the courthouse and unable to enter.

Cordy waited at an entrance, but soon enough wondered why John was not coming out.

he should be out

Right now, even a second was

into the courtroom, Sam could not help teasing her,"

your

slightly embarrassed but did not look

wanted to see

out after a while, and

it

others.

slide a peek at Cordy as he

Moreover, Cordy was not thinking about anyone other

Sean left, John finally arrived

have rushed inside if he did

John was

came out with

out to him eagerly. "Over

remained composed, as opposed

after greeting

her eyes fixed on him, and when they really met, she was unable to say

word.

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going to pop out if you stare any longer,"
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bother you two getting

Chapter 519

There were many journalists waiting outside the courthouse when Quinn left, probably waiting for Cordy and John.

She took no notice, and strode past them calmly since she never drew much attention. Any attempts to interview her were met with a scowl and sharp retorts that left them dumbstruck.

As time went by, the reporters no longer cared about her.

But today, just as she was about to leave, one of the journalists stopped her. "Ms.

Summer."

With that, other journalists began to flock toward them-they must have been waiting for a while, but got restless since the key figures of the trial were not leaving. As such, they had to make do and ask her about the trial

Quinn appeared solemn and gave the journalists a cool stare.

One of them asked, "Ms. Summer, were you watching the entire trial? As a legal advisor, could you give us a simple breakdown of the trial?"

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Chapter 520
Those threatening words left the journalist turning pale, but he was not about to be
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cowed when so many others were watching.

"I-I'm just telling the truth!" he stammered. 'Quinn Summer is being vain, and you have no feelings for her?!'

"Then why would I punch you?" Sam demanded.

While the journalist was left dumbstruck, Sam added threateningly, "You have no say with whatever1 s between me and Quinn. Slander her again, and I'll kill you!"

He suddenly turned, and took Quinn's hand.

She was caught by surprise but did not push him away.

Even as he left with her, he barked intimidatingly at the journalists who were obviously enjoying the drama, "If you have any questions about me messing around with other women, come to me! But I will make sure anyone who harasses Quinn suffers for the rest of their

furiously left with Quinn, leaving the

If anyone were to tell them that Sam did not love Quinn,

her, why was he not

shoving Quinn into his car

at her own car which was parked

beside it,

car," she told Sam

he turned back when she obviously saw him

"Shut up!" Sam

her lips in turn, as Sam was obviously venting

journalist on her.

really wanted to ask what right

journalist was clearly questioning

And he even punched

Did he understand that he just broke

the gas pedal and his

out like an

Quinn, who quickly caught the grab

in her seat. She was

at breakneck speed and kill both of